Huron-Manistee National Forests Mio Ranger District 05 Enbridge Energy Special Use Authorization Amendment Amended April, 2011

The Huron-Manistee National Forests, received an application from Enbridge Energy (Enbridge) to install an Emergency Flow Restriction Device (EFRD) on their 30 inch crude oil pipeline located on the Mio Ranger District. The device would be housed in an 8 ft x 10 ft steel building with stairs. The application includes a 50 foot tall communication pole and a buried electrical line serving the improvements; and a 7 foot tall chain link fence enclosure, 32 feet x 32 feet area. The Forest included right-of-way (ROW) fences to the proposal to restrict unauthorized travel on the same pipeline ROW and to reduce erosion problems north of Haskel Drive to the river. Most activity will be within the 60 foot ROW, 40 feet on the west side and 20 feet on the east side of a 32 inch pipeline centerline. Access fencing may go beyond the ROW to be effective. The project area is located off Green Road, a county maintained road, in NE½SW¼, Section 10, T26N, R1E, Big Creek Township, Oscoda County, Michigan. Fence locations are SE½SW¼, Section 3, both sides of Haskel Drive, and as ORV trail travels off the ROW, in SE¼NW¼, SW¼SE¼, Section 10, T26N, R1E, Big Creek Township, Oscoda County, Michigan.

The request would improve the safety of the pipeline in an emergency situation by allowing Enbridge to cut off the flow of petroleum product on both sides of the Au Sable River. There is an EFRD already in place on the north side of the Au Sable River approximately the same distance from the river 4,400 feet. The request is to install the improvements as soon as the weather permits in May. The improvements associated with the EFRD will be west of the pipeline and the designated ORV trail that is located east of the pipeline within the 60 foot ROW.

Enbridge currently has a pipeline special-use permit for the use and occupancy of a ROW across National Forest System lands. If allowed, an amendment for the requested improvements to the current pipeline authorization would be issued for the remainder of the permit, December 31, 2012.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this road please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.